

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF COURSE
CORONAL POLISHING BY AN RDA**

When submitting this application follow the enclosed guidelines. Complete descriptions of facilities, faculty, performance goals, curriculum content and competence assessment procedures are required in order to be considered for approval. Incomplete applications will be returned.

APPLICANT (Sponsor of course)

Telephone Number

ADDRESS

CLINICAL FACILITY ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

TYPE OF PROGRAM: RDA_____ CERTIFICATION_____ CONTINUING EDUCATION_____

TYPE OF PROGRAM: (Must be postsecondary educational level)

Community College _____ Dental School _____ Private School _____

Vocational Program _____ Other (specify) _____

Do you have approval from the American Dental Association Yes (___) No (___)

PROGRAM FACULTY

1. Name of Program Director: _____
RDA _____ RDH _____ DDS _____ License No. _____ Exp _____

2. Instructors:
RDA _____ License No. _____ Expires _____
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DDS _____ License No. _____ Expires _____

3. The RDA instructors shall hold a valid California certificate in coronal polishing, current RDA licensure renewal, certification and teaching credentials. (Attach copies of all.)

4. Faculty/Student Ratio: Didactic ____:____ Lab ____:____ Clinical: ____:____

5. Maximum number of students enrolled _____

6. Name of supervising dentist(s) responsible for clinical training:
_____ License No. _____ Expires _____

Attach a document signed by the supervising dentist in which the dentist agrees to be responsible for and in control of the quality of clinical training.

Didactic Hours _____ Laboratory Hours _____ Clinical Hours _____ TOTAL _____

PREREQUISITES: All students shall possess or be working toward Registered Dental Assistant licensure. A coronal polishing certificate will not be issued until applicant can show evidence of having been granted an RDA license.

Enclose 4 copies of your coronal polishing program curriculum and contracts with each of the extramural facilities.

THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED IF THE FORM IS NOT COMPLETED, OR IF CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ATTACHED.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements made and the information provided with this application are true and correct.

Date

Signature

TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT COURSE

SCHOOL SEAL

GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF COURSE IN CORONAL POLISHING BY AN RDA

FUNCTION

Under direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a registered dental assistant may perform coronal polishing. This procedure shall not be intended or interpreted as a complete oral prophylaxis (a procedure specifically reserved to performance by a licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist). A licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist shall determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to coronal polishing. (Section 1086(d)(11))

GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Facilities

The facilities shall include a classroom and sufficient numbers of modern dental operatories containing appropriate armamentarium and equipment for performing coronal polishing. This procedure shall be performed by an operator wearing gloves, mask and safety glasses.

The facilities may include extramural offices or clinics which have a written contract of affiliation with the school of record and/or approved provider of continuing education.

B. Faculty

There shall be an adequate staff of competent educators with professional training and experience in coronal polishing. Each faculty member shall possess a valid special permit or valid license issued by the board as a dentist, registered dental hygienist or registered dental assistant who is certified in coronal polishing. There shall be a supervising dentist or registered dental hygienist for the clinical portion of the course who is responsible for the determination that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus. The supervising dentist will be responsible for final evaluation of each patient.

C. Length

The course shall be of sufficient duration to allow the task to be performed to clinical proficiency (Level 4) and shall include practice on manikins and three clinical patients. Two of the clinical patients may be those utilized during the final examination. It shall also include an evaluation mechanism or procedure which assesses competence in coronal polishing.

The actual course length shall be a minimum of 12 hours: 4 hours lecture, 4 hours laboratory, and 4 hours clinical.

D. Prerequisites

Students shall possess a valid registered dental assistant license or be currently enrolled in a board approved registered dental assisting program.

E. Faculty/Student Ratio

One instructor for each 10 students is recommended during laboratory instruction with more than 14 students requiring additional faculty.

There shall be no more than 6 students per instructor during clinical portion of the course.

PERFORMANCE GOALS

By the time a student completes a course in coronal polishing the student should be able to:

- A. Take and record health history and vital signs.
- B. Explain procedure to patient.
- C. Recognize decalcification and mottled enamel.
- D. Identify plaque, calculus and stain formation within the oral cavity.
- E. Utilize proper armamentaria in an organized sequence.
- F. Perform plaque disclosure.
- G. Demonstrate the proper instrument grasp, fulcrum position, and cheek/tongue retraction.
- H. Select and dispense the proper amount of polishing agent.
- I. Demonstrate light, lifting, wiping stroke while avoiding excess heat generation.
- J. Demonstrate the use of tape abrasive strips when necessary.
- K. Clean proximal surfaces with floss.
- L. Disclose teeth for evaluation of technique.
- M. Maintain aseptic techniques including disposal of contaminated material.

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Areas of didactic, laboratory and clinical instruction in coronal polishing shall include:

- A. Taking and recording health history and vital signs.
- B. Principles of plaque and stain formation.
- C. Clinical appearance of plaque, intrinsic and extrinsic stains and calculus. (Removal of calculus must be performed by a licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist).
- D. Clinical appearance of clean and polished teeth.
- E. Tooth morphology and anatomy of the oral cavity as they relate to polishing techniques and to retention of plaque and stain.
- F. Principles of selecting abrasives and polishing agents, including their effect on tooth structure and restorative materials.
- G. Principles of polishing, i.e. selection and care of the armamentarium, instrumentation techniques and precautions, prosthesis and/or orthodontic appliances.

- H. Principles of selecting, applying and evaluating disclosing agents and precautions in their use.
- I. Maintain the polishing armamentarium.
- J. Legal aspects including limitations, responsibilities and ramifications of misuse.

ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE

The student shall pass a written examination which reflects the entire curriculum content. The student shall also pass a clinical examination in which the student successfully completes a coronal polishing procedure on each of two patients within 45 minutes for each patient.